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A Word of Appreciation

We cannot speak too highly of the excellent work done by Comrade Walter Thomas Mills during his twelve weeks stay in San Francisco...

What are Public Utilities

There is scarcely any political term on the tongues of people to-day which is so badly defined as "public utility." Ask the next man you hear use it...

cratic bond after a Republican victory compared with the outbreak of righteous indignation of our breakfastless neighbors.

Does the meat trust concern the people less than the railroad trust? Is the meat supply less powerful, when monopolized, as an instrument of tyranny and plunder?

In summer in New York it becomes an absolute necessity to have ice. There is an ice trust that controls the available supply. For the last couple of years they have raised the price so that it becomes almost impossible for the poor to get it.

Down South are cotton mills. They toil twelve and fourteen hours a day. Mammoth mills supply the cloth that girls the loins of tens of thousands. The children, the half-starved, stunted, deformed, old children make it all. The cloth is woven out of their lives.

And so with every industry. They are all of vital concern. Flour, woolen, iron and steel mills, Parma and factories are all being controlled by a few. Only by public ownership of these industries can the tyranny of the trusts be avoided.

The God of Capital

There is a class of plunderers in the land. They ride nature's treasury of its finest gems and valued metals; they strip the hills of the woods and forests; they devastate the fields and deface the beauty of every landscape in their greed.

Socialism and Trades Unionism

The socialist is in principle a trades unionist. He favors the principle carried to its logical outcome. The trust operated in the interest of all is a form of socialism. Unionism demanding the full value of the product is another form of socialism.

The object of the union and that of the trust is the same. Co-operation for the benefit of a class.

The ethics of the trust and the ethics of the union is the same. The need of one is the concern of all.

The difference between the two lies in the fact that the interest of the workers must eventually become the interest of all humanity, while the interest of the capitalist is steadily becoming the interest of a relatively smaller number. Time was when the interest of the capitalist was the interest of humanity.

It is proposed to have three meetings on the day of the Fourth of July...

At an election at Davenport, Wash., last week the Socialists polled 267 votes out of a total of 527.

Socialism and the Women An Oration

BY MARY FAIRBROTHER.

"Not to be conquered by these headlong days."

But to stand free; At every thought and deed to clear the haze. Open your eyes, considering only this: What man would win, what love, what beauty is; This is to live, and win the final prize.

Notwithstanding the fact that our national platform declares unequivocally for equal political and social rights for men and women, there are many Socialists who hoot at the very idea of women having any sort of independence, and in fact they look on them as intruders, all-around botheration in the party meetings.

The thing would be amusing to thoughtful women if they were not so serious. To those of us who long ago gave over talking or thinking of equality of the sexes, those who know that women are superior to men in many respects and men to women in other respects and who know that the sexes are equal, but at a time, the state of mind these men are in, is a serious consideration.

The proletarian is always on the defensive. He more than half expects certain things, and if he does not get them, he imagines they are not there. It is because he has either been wrong, or kicked, or ill-bred, or all three.

Not the kind of woman who can't carry a carriage and throw a beggar, but in reality it is vanity. Pity in a woman makes her wretch herself from her friends and help in whatever way she can to better the world. It makes her refuse to marry if she believes the world does not need married women so much as it needs lives of devotion to its work.

Arbitration

It is the irony of fate that John Mitchell, one of the leading advocates of arbitration through the Civic Federation, should be one of the first labor leaders to run counter to the implementation of this scheme.

When the arbitrator and the laborer are both weakened by this cry of "arbitration," they now fear to go into a struggle with organized capital.

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Frances Willard is there, too. Her soul knew but one height—love. She saw nothing in duty but love, and her reward was that she was loved by more people than any woman who has graced the world.

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Those of us who have known wise and strong women like Miss Anthony, or Annie Beaman or Frances Willard, and realize that they were actually in earnest, that they believe in the race and never think of themselves, can only pity men who have missed the great of this business. Women have faults; they are all that the positivist believes them to be, and in fact it is doubtful if the worst among the men who ignore the good woman, ever realized one-half of the refinement, of nobility, of which women are capable.

But not all. There are big-hearted, loving women in all walks of life, who have active minds, warm hearts at tender sympathies which reach, beyond the limits of their own door-yard, and who desire, honestly and energetically, that all men may be happy. These women look with charity on all, and find excuses even for the characters among the sons of men such as I have described. They are bound by the same curse that is over all the world. They have no opportunity to develop their natures, and the wonder is that they are as good and as noble as they are.

Did you ever think of the significance of the marble portraits they have carved in relief, on the west stairway of the new capitol building, at Albany? The capitol of New York is beautiful and stately and grand.

This group of women's faces, beginning with Mollie Pitcher, and ending with Susan B. Anthony, stands for something high and holy, greater than fame, though fame itself; dearer than love, though love itself; holier than home, though meaning the very essence of that home.

We like to remember how gallantly Captain Mollie they herself into the breach on Monmouth heights and helped save the day. Her heroism was of the kind that flourishes in Revolutionary days, when Americans talked less of liberty and dared to do and die.

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others helped Progress in one direction, this woman has given her impetus in all upward paths. Her influence has been felt in all reforms, for her hope of a responsible, enlightened citizenship touches every act of every individual in the world and those yet to be.

Now the Socialist woman hope that all men comrades will endorse the action of the American Labor Union and the Western Federation of Miners at the Denver convention, which adopted the woman suffrage resolution, just as unanimously as they did the resolution for Socialism.

The Comrade

The June Comrade is quite up to the high standard of excellence set by its predecessors. The place of honor is given to a long satirical poem, in the heroic style, by Upton Sinclair, the popular young novelist, which ought to attract a good deal of attention.

There is also a couple of strong cartoons by the English cartoonist, "Cynicus." These are the usual variety of interesting reading matter of which perhaps the article in the Socialist Movement in Sweden is most interesting.

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The General Strike in Belgium

Vandervelde's Account

The strike for universal suffrage which will be over when this article is printed is the most important which has ever taken place in Belgium. During a week more than 800,000 men have given over work for purely political reasons...

The constitution by which we are governed, and which was revised in 1893 over to street riots, for in our country Clerical despotism is only tempered by riots, gives a vote to all Belgians of 25 years of age who have lived for one year in the constituency...

Our popular speakers describe this system of fancy franchise by saying that if Jesus Christ were to return to earth He would not have voted in Belgium because he had no regular domicile...

Finally the Clerical party remained alone against all the forces of democracy in its resistance to universal suffrage.

But it is no use reckoning on platonic meetings to overcome Clerical resistance. The Catholic party has too much to gain by the present system not to resist with the energy of diabolical cunning...

Thus in spite of the Liberals, who have a childish fear of agitation, the Socialists determined to use other means, and finally to decree a general strike in order to overcome the resistance of the government.

Last Easter, the Annual Congress of the Workmen's party was held at Brussels in the Maison du Peuple.

Seven hundred delegates representing five hundred groups were present. First of all the question of woman's suffrage was discussed, but it was temporarily shelved.

This motion was going to be made, but the government which had prepared itself for the fray, took the initiative and proposed that the debate should begin on April 16.

A meeting was held at the Maison du Peuple and the leaders gave counsels of patience, but some of the young members were impatient and went and broke the windows of two or three Clerical deputies.

On the following days these manifestations, in which the party Ouvrier took no part, became more serious; two or three policemen were seriously hurt, and the gendarmes and police were brutal as usual.

Crowds in the principal towns met the Clerical deputies as they arrived by train, and greeted them by singing the "Mar-

cellaise," the "Carmagnole," or the new song: "Down with war, sabres and cannon. Viva la Republique!"

It was a strange sight to see these deputies going home through streets black with people, surrounded by police with drawn swords and revolvers. In fact it looked as if criminals were being led to the scaffold.

On April 10th the Parti Ouvrier issued a manifesto ordering workmen to go on strike on the following Monday.

The miners of Hainault were already on strike, and were holding meetings, and on April 11th the gendarmes at Houdeng broke up a peaceful demonstration, and fired on the crowd, killing a workman and a poor girl who was selling milk.

More terrible scenes took place the next day at Brussels. The Parti Ouvrier was anxious to avoid new massacres, and begged its adherents to remain calm in order to avoid conflicts which could only be to the advantage of the Government.

Suddenly the police appeared, charged the crowd, seized the writer, knocked him about, and took him to the police station.

The burgomaster asked me to request my adherents to be calm, and I replied, saying that was just going to request him to keep the strike in hand.

Most Socialists had gone home, or were busy at the Maison du Peuple completing the preparations for the general strike, when trouble broke out in the Rue Harle, the chief street of the populous Marolles quarter.

All those who have been to Brussels know, at least by reputation, the Marolles. For the king of districts, as it is rather given to drink, and are fond of fights, but they are not a bad sort. They were not absent, as there was a chance of a row, and many were near La Maison du Peuple.

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the Government, and at the same time of injuring those who chiefly benefited by the system of plural voting.

Excited by waiting, exasperated by the massacre of Brussels and the Black Country, the workers responded unanimously to the first appeal made to them.

In a word, during this week all workmen except those connected with the railways ceased work and more than 300,000 men obeyed the mandate of the Parti Ouvrier, and to affirm their rights they did not hesitate to do without their wages.

It was impossible to pay strike pay to that multitude, but steps were taken to help the poorest and to grant relief to the families of the wounded, of the dead and of those in prison.

As the workmen had no money an appeal was made to the bourgeoisie and, through the International Socialist Bureau, to our foreign comrades.

The appeal was heard; help came from France, from England, from Holland, from Austria. The Russian Socialists sent their aid, and the German Social-Democrats sent more than 4800.

Many Liberals also sent subscriptions, and poor people sent their aid. A teacher, for instance, having no money, sent her earnings and asked that they be sold for the benefit of the fund.

During the strike the working classes remained quiet calm, and this produced a great impression.

Every evening meetings were held at the different Maisons du Peuple, and all speakers insisted on their hearers the danger of drinking too much.

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the discipline and unity of action on the part of the workmen, and at the same time it would reserve their resources and energies for new struggles.

The strike is over, but the struggle continues, and the Parti Ouvrier may be trusted to see that the cause of Universal Suffrage will not be injured by the Parliamentary check which has just been received.

Our opponents know that this is so, and M. Woeste is too clear-sighted a politician not to say, with King Pyrrhus, "Such another victory, and we are lost."

Activity at National Headquarters

Press Bulletin. St. Louis, Mo., May 31, 1902. Jno. C. Chase addressed Trade Unions and Socialist Leagues this week at Cape Girardeau, Dexter, Poplar Bluff and St. Louis, Mo.

Eugene V. Debs has been in attendance at the convention of the Western Federation of Miners and the Western Labor Union in Denver, Col., which opened on the 26th and is still in session.

"St. Louis, Mo., May 26, 1902. "James Manor, Secretary-Treasurer, of Miners and the Western Federation of Miners, Denver, Col.—the victims of the Slave Republic send me appeal to you from north, south, east and west.

Later advice state both organizations held a joint session on the question of declaring for independent political action on the platform of the Socialist Party.

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Reports from Chase

St. Louis, Mo., May 31, 1902. Leon Greenbaum, Secretary Labor Lecture Bureau—Dear Comrade: Since my last report on lecture work, I have addressed fifteen meetings under the auspices of labor organizations in Missouri and Illinois.

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and Carterville the miners. All of the above meetings were well attended with one exception. The meeting in Carterville was not advertised, and an impromptu meeting was held on the street, which turned out very well, everything considered.

On May 17th I was in Staunton and spoke at the Miners' Injunction Day Celebration. A large crowd assembled to listen to the speakers, who were present to speak upon "Government by Injunction."

St. Louis, Mo., June 6, 1902. Leon Greenbaum, Secretary Labor Lecture Bureau—Dear Comrade: During the past week I have addressed meetings in Cape Girardeau, Dexter, Poplar Bluff, De Soto and St. Louis, Mo.

All of these meetings were more successful in the way of attendance than in any other week during my trip in Missouri. This is particularly gratifying, because of the fact that in Southeastern Missouri there has been a serious lack of organization among the working class, and wages are at a low standard.

I found wages and condition of the working class there worse than in any other part of Missouri. In fact, there in consequence did much good at this time, to wake them up to their conditions, and to the necessity of organization, industrial unionism, and socialism.

In Cape Girardeau I spoke in the court house for the Federal Labor Union, and the following night I spoke for the Socialists in the same place. Nearly every man who attended the first meeting came to the second to receive a good solid dose of Socialism.

I spent all of the following day in the place, and the Comrades told me there was great talk going on in the shops about the meeting, and a desire among them to hear more about Unionism and Socialism.

The meeting in Poplar Bluff under the auspices of the Local of the Socialist Party and the Labor Union was interesting, because of the fact that the union joined hands with the Socialist organization in the arrangements for the meeting.

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Call for Nominations

To the State Committees and Comrades of the Socialist Party.—Pursuant to an invitation extended through G. Weston Wrigley, Provincial Secretary, the National Committee of the Socialist Party, at its meeting St. Louis, Mo., decided to send a fraternal delegate to represent the Socialist Party at Canadian Socialist Convention, to be held in Toronto between September 1st and 13th (approximately), 1902.

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